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The Nautical Telegraph Code Book
And Postal Guide

For officers in the mercantile marine, and all persons travelling abroad.
Tourists, passenges, and foreign residents will find this work exceptionally useful.

by
Capt. D.H. Bernard (London)
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Author of "Night signals of world's shipping," "The service code,"
"Ships' lights at a glance," "The navigator's sky pilot,"
"Bernard's signal instructor," "Storm signal cards
for trade routes of the world,"
"The post card code," "Brown's signal reminder," etc.
Glasgow: James Brown & Son
Darnley Street, Pollokshields, E.
London: Simpkin, Marshall, Kent & Co. Ltd.

IMPORTANT SUGGESTION FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF THE "NAUTICAL TELEGRAPH CODE."
By Commander M.D.W. Jeffreys.

By prefixing "UN" to any Code word in such sentences as can be negatived, is made negative.

Examples

Thus: -

UNBULK	Do *not* wire me care of --- here.
UNCABIN	Do *not cable* me here.
UNKNOTTED	Now *NOT leaving* by the --- etc.

Two Code words may be sent at the cost of one word by cable or telegraph, providing the sum total of their combined letters does not exceed ten.

Example

Viz.: -

UNBULKDIVE	May be sent as one word and means "Do *NOT wire* me care of ---- here as we are about to leave for Fremantle, Australia."

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In introducing the *Nautical Code Book* to Captains and Officers of the Merchant Service, for whom this work has been compiled, I feel sure that I am supplying a long-felt want to my colleagues of the sea.

Although many such books have been written for the use of Merchant Service Officers, some of which are very excellent in their way, from lack of experience of life on salt-water, longshoremen do not know, nor can they be expected to know, all our requirements in this respect.

In compiling this book I have only used words for the Code that in some way or other pertain to the sea, and in the event of receiving a telegram it will be apparent to the recipient that the words in the text have been selected from the Nautical Code. I have also included every possible sentence that an officer and his friends at home may require to use, and have detailed them in such manner that in the majority of cases one Code word only will suffice to convey their meanings. In addition to this officers' friends at home will obtain all the information they require relating to Tariff of Telegrams, Letter Rates, Parcel Post Rates, Times of tRansmission, and Distances to the principal Foreign Ports from London, etc.

In conclusion, I may again mention that this book has been written expressly for Captains and Officers, by an officer in the Merchant Service. This in itself should be sufficient recommendation, without detailing further the utility of this work.

Yours faithfully, D.H. Bernard.
West Africa, 1907.

Preface to the third edition.

I Beg to take this opportunity of thanking the many who have used this Code for the numerous letters of congratulation that have reached me through the publishers from all parts of the world, and also "The Press" for the prominence they have given this work.

I am more than pleased with the support received, not only from members of the "cloth", but also by Travellers and Residents abroad. To see the third edition launched within twelve months shows that it has been greatly appreciated.

Yours faithfully, D.H. Bernard.
London, 1908.

Preface to the fourth edition.

During the war the *Nautical Code* was put out of action by the Censor - as also were all others Codes.

The demand for the *Nautical Code* since the Censor's ban was removed has been as keen as in time of pre-war. Consequently it has been brought up to date for present day requirements, and it should prove a boon to all world travellers, I sincerely hope that all who purchase this Code will find it a link between inseparable friends.

Yours faithfully, D.H. Bernard.
Liverpool, 1920.

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